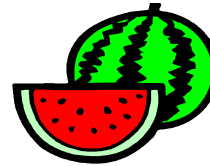


# Hannah News

## A Word from the principal...

It's hard to believe the school year is coming to an end. As we finish the school year, teachers are busy still teaching! Hard to believe, I know, but they are. Many math skills that will be taught next year are introduced at the end of the year before, so students have some exposure to the concepts. Don't panic if your child thinks math is suddenly really hard. They will continue to work on skills in the years to come. Teachers are also analyzing assessment data. Each year, Hannah teachers meet in grade level teams three times a year to look at our assessment data. These meetings

take place in October, February, and June. The June meetings are usually very positive as we celebrate the growth we have seen during the year. Teachers target skill deficits and plan instruction accordingly to meet students' learning needs. Many teachers plan 'interventions' or systematic ways to provide extra practice for students. This work pays off in the form of increased student achievement. Teachers are also busy cleaning up and getting the school ready for the summer. If you know that you are planning to move out of the Hannah district or out of Beverly, please let us



know in the office so we can assist you in the transfer of your child's records.

For those of you who are new to Hannah this year, I hope you have found this to be a successful year for your child. For those of you who have been at Hannah, I thank you for welcoming our new families and for your continued support and also hope your child had a great year!

## Field Day

Hannah Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th, with a rain date of June 10th. Mrs. Shropshire has many fun and active events planned as usual. If you are new to Hannah, students go to stations with games and activities dur-

ing the morning hours. Stations this year include: jump rope, scooter relay, birdie in a bucket relay, monster basketball, sponge relay, hoppity hop, sack race, moonball, sports relay, blindfold relay, obstacle course, hula hoop fun,

and chopstick relay. Some events involve water. Students move to a new station every 10 minutes! Don't forget to have your child wear sneakers, comfortable clothes, and sunscreen if needed. Volunteers should arrive early.

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### Dates to remember:

- ♦ June 9: Field Day
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- ♦ June 10: rain date for Field Day
- ♦ June 12: Book Swap
- ♦ June 15: Grade 5 trip to Project Adventure
- ♦ June 19: Family Picnic at 6:00 pm
- ♦ June 23: Grade 5 Celebration at 12:45 pm
- ♦ June 24: Last day of school, 12:00 dismissal

## Library News

We want you to keep reading over the summer vacation. The summer reading list may be found on the Public Library's website – [www.beverlypubliclibrary.org/kids](http://www.beverlypubliclibrary.org/kids). Click on suggested reading list to see some of the picks for this year. Information on programs and activities sponsored by the Public Library are found here as well.



*Hannah Book Swap  
Friday, June 12, 2009*

On June 12, the Hannah School Library will be sponsoring a "Book Swap." Bring in up to five books and select the same number for some "new to you" choices for summer reading."

**The Last Day of School is Wednesday, June 24, 2009. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 on this day.**

## Beverly Free Day

**BEVERLY COMMUNITY DAY AT THE PHILLIPS HOUSE**  
Salem, MA  
Friday, June 05, 2009

Historic New England invites Beverly residents to tour the distinguished 1821 residence on historic Chestnut Street and learn about the lives of the Phillips family and their domestic staff in the early 20<sup>th</sup> cen-

tury. View the collection of fine furnishings, Chinese export porcelain, ship paintings, and several antique cars.

Free admission will be offered exclusively to Beverly residents on Saturday June 20 for regular tours from 11-4. The Phillips House is located on 34 Chestnut Street in Salem. Please call 978-744-0440 for further details.

***Please do not leave your car unattended in the pick up/drop off lane at any time. This creates a hazard to others. Students should ALWAYS exit your vehicle from the passenger side!***

## Boot Camp

BOOT CAMP SESSION 2!

OUR FIRST SESSION OF THE HANNAH BOOT CAMP HAS BEEN SUCH A SUCCESS WE ARE OFFERING ANOTHER ONE. 19 WONDERFUL PARTICIPANTS FROM NEWBIES TO EXPERIENCED EXERCISERS MADE THE COMMITMENT TO BETTER

HEALTH. WE HAD A GREAT TIME ENCOURAGING, LAUGHING AND SWEATING OUR WAY TO BETTER FITNESS. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR THE NEXT SESSION WHICH WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 15TH AND END ON JULY 10TH. CLASSES



*Boot Camp*

ARE ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 5:30-6:30 AM. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT DANI CAIRNS @ [dani-cairns@hotmail.com](mailto:dani-cairns@hotmail.com) OR SPEAK WITH MRS. SHROPSHIRE. DON'T DELAY...SIGN UP TODAY!! A FITTER YOU IS JUST 4 WEEKS AWAY!

## June is Internet Safety Month

On June 5th, Carrie Kimball-Monahan from the District Attorney's Office, gave a presentation on internet safety to our third, fourth, and fifth graders. The format included a powerpoint presentation and discussion about common dangers associated with instant messaging, text messaging, e-mail, social networking sites, and game playing sites.



Handouts for parents recommended moving the computer to a 'public' area in your home, reinforcing with children that the internet is not 'private,' checking the history on your computer at regular intervals, considering installing filtering software, and collecting your child's cell phone at night to avoid late hour texting or talking with friends.

The District Attorney's

Office also recommends the following websites as resources for parents: [www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com), [www.getnetwise.org](http://www.getnetwise.org), [www.wiredkids.org](http://www.wiredkids.org), [www.wiredsafety.org](http://www.wiredsafety.org), [www.Netsmartz.org](http://www.Netsmartz.org), and [www.netfamilynews.org](http://www.netfamilynews.org).

The presentation was very informative. If you are a parent of a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader, be sure to ask your child what he or she learned. If you are the parent of a younger child and would like copies of handouts, please see Mrs. Howell in the office.

## Elementary Strings Ensemble to Visit Hannah

On Monday, June 8, the Elementary Strings Ensemble will perform for Hannah students at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Hodges has been working with students here at Hannah and at other schools all year long. They will travel to the other elementary schools on this day as well.

Students in third grade have the opportunity to participate in the elementary instrumental music pro-

gram for string instruments, while students in grades 4 and 5 may choose other band instruments or continue with strings. Tuition is charged for participation in the instrumental music programs.

If you are interested in this program, look for more information in the fall.

**Reminder:**  
**All children should wear seat belts or be properly seated in a child safety seat in your car.**

## PTO

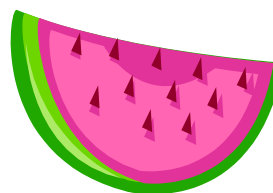
The last PTO meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Election of PTO officers for the 2009-2010 school year will take place at this meeting. Additionally, the PTO will discuss the upcoming family picnic, scheduled for Friday, June 19th.

This picnic is a 'bring your own'

style picnic, with drinks and dessert provided by the PTO. More information will follow soon.

The PTO is planning to purchase a new sound system for our auditorium with funds raised from this year's fundraisers. Hoof It for Hannah proceeds will go to-



*Family Picnic on June 19th  
Bring your own...*

wards the purchase of technology equipment. As always, the PTO has sponsored many arts and enrichment programs this year. On Monday, students saw a health related presentation by "Slim Goodbody."

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***Be kind. Be responsible. Be the best  
you can be. The choice is yours.***



### **Hannah School Mission Statement**

The Hannah Elementary School strives to meet the individual needs of its students by encouraging them to become life-long learners.

The students, staff, and families work collaboratively to promote academic excellence by using programs and curricula that are current and research-based. Teachers and support staff provide opportunities to meet students' diverse needs and abilities as measured by district, state, and national standards. The Hannah community is committed to meeting the needs of the whole child. By fostering emotional, social, physical, and intellectual growth, we will create an atmosphere of respect for each member of our school.

### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION:**

All educational and non-academic programs, activities and employment opportunities at Beverly Public Schools are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, and any other class or characteristic protected by law.

## **Grade 5 News**

Fifth graders did a fabulous job on their production of "The Wizard of Oz." Students enjoyed the show during school on June 3rd and the parents came in the evening. Specialist teachers Laraine Cicchetti, Roberta Shropshire, and Betsy Rettalack worked with fifth graders all year long during a performance block time to prepare for the play. Students made scenery, costumes, and learned their lines and their songs. Special thanks go to parents Beth Kennedy and Andrea Beaudry for their



*Grade 5 Celebration:  
June 23 @ 12:45 pm*

help with costumes, Jason Cledes and Christine DeBaker for their help with the sound system, Anita Eberhardt for coordinating the refreshments, and Robert MacPhail for his work on the scenery.

On June 15, 5th graders will take a field trip to Project Adventure at Moraine Farm in Beverly. There, they will participate in team building activities, ropes courses, and individual challenges. It is a 'challenge by choice' program in which students choose to participate if they

feel comfortable. We have found this program to be a fun day and a fantastic way for students to gain confidence in their ability to try new things as they embark on their journey to Middle School. 5th graders will receive a Hannah t-shirt on this day.

On June 23, we will have a 5th grade celebration. Parents of 5th graders are invited to attend. This program will include a recognition of 5th graders, a song, some readings, and the infamous slide show. Refreshments will follow in the school lobby.

5th graders will receive yearbooks on the last day of school-June 24th. There is no charge for the yearbooks as the School Store proceeds allowed us to purchase them.